

## AMENDMENTS

### Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method of enrolling an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner comprising:
  - a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:
    1. inspecting said individual's fingertips
    - b. rejecting said individual for a fingerprint scan if said agent determines fingerprint scan will be invalidwhereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual in the enrollment process.
2. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further including:
  - a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:
    1. inspecting said individual's hands and
    2. inspecting said individual's fingers and
    3. inspecting said individual's fingertipswhereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual in the enrollment process.

3. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further including:

a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan

comprising of:

1. inspecting said individual's hand and

2. inspecting said individual's fingers and

3. inspecting said individual's fingertips and

4. asking said individual whether they are in someway being coerced

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual, without coercion, in the enrollment process and to prevent unauthorized actions based upon said individual's fingerprint enrollment.

4. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as recited in claim 1, further including:~~ of enrolling an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner comprising:

a. providing an item for said individual to use with means of dislodging or removing external objects on an individual's fingertips prior to a fingerprint scan.

whereby said method increases the ~~trustworthiness~~ confidence of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual in the enrollment process.

5. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further including:

a. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scan

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual in the enrollment process and for a better fingerprint image.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of authenticating an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner comprising:

a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:

1. inspecting said individual's fingertips
- b. rejecting said individual for a fingerprint scan if the said agent determines fingerprint scan will be invalid

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

7. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 6, further including:

a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:

1. inspecting said individual's hands and
2. inspecting said individual's fingers and
3. inspecting said individual's fingertips

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

8. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 6, further including:

a. providing an agent to inspect said individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:

1. inspecting said individual's fingertips and
  2. asking said individual whether they are in some way being coerced
- whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual, who is not being coerced, for authorization of an action.
9. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 6, further including:
    1. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scanwhereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.
  10. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 6, further including:
    - a. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scanwhereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action and for a better fingerprint image.
  11. (withdrawn) A method of authenticating an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner comprising:
    - a. providing an individual to inspect another individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:
      1. inspecting said individual's fingertips
    - b. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scan and

- c. rejecting said individual for a fingerprint scan if said agent determines  
fingerprint scan will be invalid and
  - d. requesting said individual to place his or her fingertips on the fingerprint  
reader or scanner if said agent determine fingerprint scan will be valid and
  - e. a software application with means of indicating whether said individual's  
fingerprint scan matches an existing fingerprint template
- whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint of fingertip  
scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

12. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

- a. providing an individual to inspect another individual fingertips prior to a  
fingerprint scan comprising of:
  - 1. approving access to a facility if said individual's fingerprint scan  
matches an authorized fingerprint template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint of fingertip  
scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

13. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

- a. approving access to data, wherever it resides, if said individuals the  
fingerprint scan matches an authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip  
scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

14. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

- a. approving access to a software application or operating system if said  
individual's fingerprint scan matches an authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

15. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

- a. approving access to an image if said individual's fingerprint scan matches an authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

16. (Withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

- a. approving access to an image if said individual's fingerprint scan matches an authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

17. (Currently amended) A method ~~as recited in claim 11, further including:~~ of authenticating an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner comprising:

- a. providing an individual to inspect another individual prior to a fingerprint scan comprising of:
  - 1. inspecting said individual's fingertips
- b. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scan and
- c. a. allowing said individual to update a password if said individual's fingerprint scan matches an authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

18. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 11, further including: of

authenticating an individual using a fingerprint reader or scanner

comprising:

a. providing an individual to inspect another individual prior to a  
fingerprint scan comprising of:

1. inspecting said individual's fingertips

b. providing an item for said individual to use with means of cleaning their  
fingers or fingertips prior to a fingerprint scan and

c. ~~a.~~ allowing said individual to update a userid or a Personal Identification  
Number (PIN) if said individual's fingerprint scan matches an  
authorized template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip  
scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.

19. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 11, further including:

a. allowing said individual to update a Personal Identification  
Number(PIN) if said individual's fingerprint scan matches an authorized  
template

whereby said method increases the trustworthiness of a fingerprint or fingertip  
scan to identify an individual for authorization of an action.